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MAPUTO FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S PARTY

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SUBJECT: VIETNAM'S ADMISSION TO UN

REF: (A) USUN 1571 (NOTAL); (B) USUN 1029 (NOTAL);  
(C) USUN 1581 (NOTAL).

1. SUMMARY: VIETNAM'S CHARGE IN NEW YORK COUNSELOR PHAM DUONG TOLD MISOFF MAY 19 THAT VIETNAM'S OBSERVER OFFICE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS TO ASK UN SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC) TAKE UP VIETNAM'S MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION. PHAM DUONG SAW "NO URGENCY" IN MATTER. ACCORDING PHAM DUONG, VIETNAM'S PERMANENT OBSERVER TO UN AMB DINH BA THI WILL RETURN TO NEW YORK IN JULY OR AUGUST. CHINA'S NEW PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE CHEN CHU (REF C) HAS TOLD UK PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD THAT IT LIKELY VIETNAM'S APPLICATION WILL BE TAKEN UP DURING PRESIDENCY OF CHINA (JULY) OF FRANCE (AUGUST). END SUMMARY.

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2. AT FRENCH MISOFF DINNER MAY 19, US MISOFF SPOKE WITH PHAM DUONG, WHOM MISOFF HAD MET AT AMB AND MRS. YOUNG'S RECEPTION APRIL 1 FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND MRS. HOLBROOKE (REF B). MISOFF ASKED PHAM DUONG ON MAY 19 WHEN AMB DINH BA THI WOULD RETURN TO NEW YORK. PHAM DUONG ANSWERED, "IN JULY OR AUGUST". AS TO TIMING OF UNSC CONSIDERATION OF VIETNAM'S MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, PHAM DUONG REPLIED:

"WE HAVE NO INSTRUCTIONS." HE SAW NO URGENCY IN THIS AND REMARKED THAT "AFTER WAITING 30 YEARS, AN ADDITIONAL WAIT WAS NOT SIGNIFICANT." HE NOTED THAT, IN ANY EVENT, GENERAL ASSEMBLY (UNGA) ACTION WOULD BE REQUIRED TO EFFECT ADMISSION.

3. MISOFF MENTIONED THAT HE HAD MET AMB DINH BA THI LAST YEAR WHEN AMB SHERER AND DINH BA THI HAD DISCUSSED MEMBERSHIP QUESTION. PHAM DUONG VOLUNTEERED IMMEDIATELY THAT, SINCE THEN, ATMOSPHERE IN US-VIETNAMESE RELATIONS HAD CHANGED ALTOGETHER. PHAM DUONG STRESSED HOPE THAT RELATIONS WOULD NORMALIZE SOON.

4. AT SAME DINNER MAY 19, UK MISOFF GOT IDENTICAL COMMENTS FROM PHAM DUONG AS TO LACK OF URGENCY IN UNSC CONSIDERATION OF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION. UK MISOFF ADDED TO US THAT, WHEN CHINA'S AMB CHEN CHU PAID INITIAL COURTESY CALL MAY 19 ON UK AMB RICHARD, LATTER HAD ASKED WHEN CHEN CHU EXPECTED UNSC TO TAKE UP VIETNAM'S MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION. CHEN CHU HAD REPLIED THAT VIETNAMESE SAW NO URGENCY IN THIS AND APPLICATION WOULD LIKELY BE TAKEN UP DURING UNSC PRESIDENCY OF CHINA (JULY) OR FRANCE (AUGUST).

5. COMMENT: FROM THE FOREGOING WE WOULD GATHER THAT VIETNAMESE ARE NOT ASKING UNSC PRESIDENT MBOYA (BENIN) TO TAKE UP APPLICATION IN MAY AND THAT, THEREFORE, MBOYA'S INTEREST IN POSSIBLE UNSC CONSIDERATION OF VIETNAM'S APPLICATION RELATES TO A CERTAIN DESIRE ON MBOYA'S PART TO HAVE UNSC TAKE UP "AN IMPORTANT ACTION" DURING HIS MONTH-LONG PRESIDENCY (REF A). HOWEVER, A FACTOR WHICH

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MIGHT ADD URGENCY TO UNSC CONSIDERATION OF VIETNAM'S APPLICATION WOULD BE POSSIBLE RESUMED UNGA SESSION THIS SUMMER.

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